

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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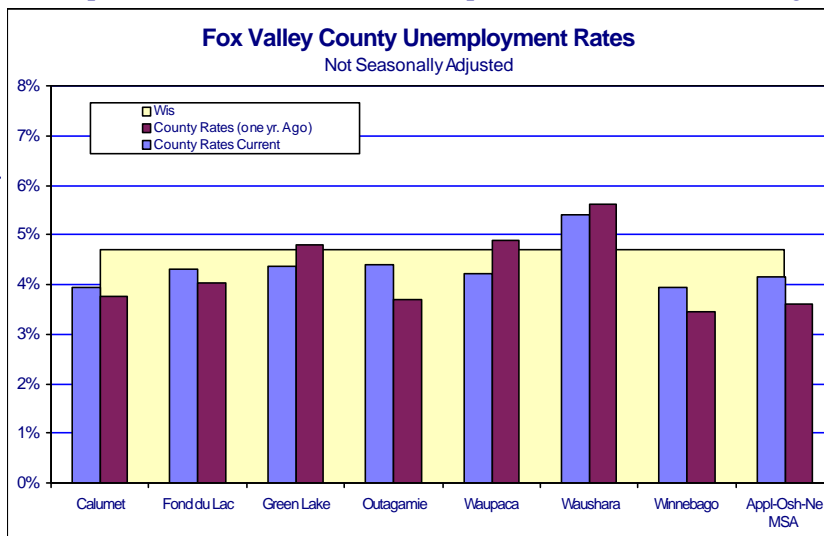


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July Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for Fox Valley Area

The area's unemployment rates for July declined by 0.7 of a percentage point to 4.2 percent. All of the counties in the Fox Valley area had decreases in their unemployment rates over the month. This is typical for the month of July in Northeastern Wisconsin. Usually there is a slight increase in employment for the month, but minimal and in some cases a decline in labor force size. This occurs as most summer jobs are filled by late June or early July, and any workers that have not found employment by that time normally leave the labor market. It is very much a month that employment is driven by the season.

Only one of the area's counties had a rate above five percent, while the remaining counties and the Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA had rates in the lower four percent level.



Labor force growth was typically low for the month of July, with an increase of only 100 from June. This was offset by an increase in the number of workers employed. The number employed in the area increased by 2,300 over the month to 346,300.

Both the labor force and employment levels remained well above one year ago numbers. The labor force for the region was 4,800 above last July, while the number employed was 3,400 above one year ago.

Although there was a decrease in the unemployment rate for the month in all of the area's counties, the region's rate remains above one year ago. Three of the counties had lower rates than one year ago. They were Green Lake down 0.5 of a percentage point, Waupaca, down 0.7 of a percentage point and Waushara, down 0.2 of a percentage point.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton- Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
July-2002				
	Civilian Labor Force	229,700	3,048,300	142,390
	Employment	219,500	2,903,800	134,045
	Unemployment	10,100	144,500	8,345
	Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.7%	5.9%
June-2002 Change				
	Civilian Labor Force	(700)	(100)	(86)
	Employment	(900)	4,300	(8)
	Unemployment	-	(4,400)	(79)
	Unemployment rate	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%
July-2001 Change				
	Civilian Labor Force	2,200	56,500	739
	Employment	700	49,300	(1,061)
	Unemployment	1,500	7,200	1,800
	Unemployment rate	0.6%	0.1%	1.2%
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The rate for the region was 0.5 of a percentage point below the state's unadjusted rate of 4.7 percent. The unadjusted rate for the state was down 0.4 of a percentage point over the month.

construction, which was up 240. Manufacturing showed very little change and continues to lag in the recovery of employment, down 3,800 from last year.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) employment was down 2,400 over the month. The decline in NFWS employment is not unusual for July, as it is picking up the closing of schools during June. This results in a decline in government workers until September data is released.

The largest increase in employment during July was in Con-

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA remained unchanged at 4.4 percent in July. Although the rate remained unchanged from June, it was up 0.6 of a percentage point from one year ago.

The nation's unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.9 percent.

The rate in the State of Wisconsin declined 0.2 of a percentage point, to 4.7 percent. To the north, the rate for the Green Bay MSA was 4.3 percent, up 0.1 of a percentage point from June.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

Labor Force and Employment Estimates for the Wisconsin Fox Valley Counties

July-2002	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	235,600	58,600	11,200	28,200	12,700	346,200	3,117,000
Employed	225,800	56,100	10,700	27,000	12,000	331,600	2,970,600
Unemployed	9,800	2,500	500	1,200	700	14,700	146,400
Unemployment rate(%)	4.1%	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	5.4%	4.2%	4.7%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	4.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.7%
Total, all industries**	205,100	49,200	8,100	22,000	6,300	284,300	2,847,300
Construction & Mining	13,300	3,600	700	1,000	400	18,600	139,100
Manufacturing	56,200	12,000	1,700	6,200	700	76,100	573,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	9,800	2,400	300	800	300	13,200	129,500
Wholesale Trade	9,500	1,900	100	900	300	12,500	139,600
Retail Trade	34,900	9,300	1,500	4,200	1,500	49,800	512,900
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	9,800	1,900	300	700	200	12,600	154,700
Services	49,600	12,600	2,400	4,600	1,600	69,100	810,000
Government	22,000	5,500	1,100	3,700	1,400	32,300	388,000
Change from previous month							
Civilian Labor Force*	100	0	-100	0	200	100	3,300
Employed	1,400	400	0	200	300	2,300	16,100
Unemployed	-1,300	-400	-100	-200	-100	-2,100	-12,800
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.6%	-0.6%	-1.3%	-0.7%	-1.0%	-0.7%	-0.4%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.2%
Total, all industries**	-1,700	-400	-200	-200	100	-2,400	-24,000
Construction & Mining	170	30	10	40	10	240	2,300
Manufacturing	-110	110	-10	-20	0	-30	0
Transportation & Public Utilities	70	20	0	-30	-10	50	-3,100
Wholesale Trade	50	0	10	30	60	80	-100
Retail Trade	-40	-180	-20	10	20	-230	1,400
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	-60	0	10	0	0	-50	800
Services	-160	20	0	20	30	-120	3,300
Government	-1,580	-390	-140	-280	-60	-2,390	-28,600
Change from year ago							
Civilian Labor Force*	2,100	1,300	200	500	600	4,700	56,300
Employed	700	1,200	200	700	600	3,400	50,500
Unemployed	1,400	200	0	-200	0	1,400	5,800
Unemployment rate(%)	0.6%	0.3%	-0.5%	-0.7%	-0.2%	0.3%	0.1%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1%
Total, all industries**	-2,600	700	-140	370	290	-1,700	12,000
Construction & Mining	0	230	0	70	30	300	1,600
Manufacturing	-3,300	-490	-110	10	-20	-3,800	-14,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	160	200	10	10	-10	370	-2,100
Wholesale Trade	120	40	0	-20	40	140	300
Retail Trade	-360	10	-20	30	40	-340	4,000
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	310	60	40	20	0	430	2,500
Services	290	580	-30	10	120	850	19,900
Government	160	60	-20	230	80	420	600

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers.

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